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Letter dated 4 February 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 13 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2007 and 2008) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Cape Verde	23 477.00
Central African Republic[a]	404 127.00
Chad	22 281.00
Comoros[a]	796 815.00
Dominican Republic	480 209.00
Guinea-Bissau[a]	476 423.00
Liberia[a]	809 835.00
Malawi	11 503.00
Marshall Islands	3 266.00
Paraguay	183 948.83

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Sao Tome and Principe[a]	660 488.00
Somalia[a]	1 088 819.00
Tajikistan[a]	56 787.84

[a] In its resolution 63/4, the General Assembly decided that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the Assembly until the end of its sixty-third session.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon